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ALL EYES CENTER ON ITALY

Dispatches State That Last Demands of the Southern Kingdom Have Been Forwarded to Berlin and Vienna and Course is Being Watched With Anxiety.

GREAT BATTLE HAS BEEN FOUGHT IN EAST, WHICH GERMANS SAY WAS MAGNIFICENT VICTORY, A REPORT WHICH RUSSIANS DENY—BOTH SIDES CLAIM ADVANTAGE IN GALICIA—GERMANS SAY THAT GREAT RUSSIAN ARMY IN CARPATHIANS IS MENACED ON BOTH SIDES AND IS IN DANGER OF ANNIHILATION—CHANGES ARE MADE IN POSITIONS OF FORCES AT DARDANELLES AND TURKISH FORTS AND CITIES SUFFER—LITTLE NEWS FROM WESTERN SCENE OF WAR.

CLAIM GREAT VICTORY.

Germans State They Have Defeated Russian Army and Are Now Pursuing It.

Berlin, May 4.—The victory in western Galicia was greater than that at the Measurian Lakes, says a news dispatch. On the Dunajec front the Russians retreating in disorder with the Teutons pursuing them and breaking up every attempt to rally. An entire Russian division was completely destroyed and a vast number of prisoners were taken. The Russians concentrated in the Carpathians are now menaced on the east and west with the greatest disaster in military history.

GERMANS FIRE ON LIGHTHOUSE.

Attack is Expected on Coast of Finland from German Fleet.

Copenhagen, May 4.—A news dispatch from Stockholm says that a German warship shelled and fired the Lapskaer lighthouse, a land island at the entrance to the Gulf of Bothnia. A general German attack on the coast of Finland is expected.

ALLIES LAND MORE TROOPS.

Land Forces Will Aid Fleet in Attack on Smyrna.

Athens, May 4.—The allies have landed troops at Ephesus, eighty-five miles east of Smyrna, to cooperate with the Allied fleets in the attack on Smyrna. Four British warships bombarded the Smyrna forts yesterday. The bombardment of the forts along the Dardanelles was resumed by the Allied warships today.

Bombard Bosphorus on East.

Petrograd, May 4. (Official).—The Russian Black Sea fleet vigorously shelled the forts of the East end of the Bosphorus on Sunday. The batteries replied without effect. All the Turkish ships took refuge in the straits, where a large cargo steamer was destroyed. A sailing ship was sunk near the Bulgarian coast.

Denial of Germany Victory.

Petrograd, May 4.—The Austro-German claims of a great victory in Western Galicia were denied by the Russian war office today. It was stated that the recent offensive by the Teutons at the Dunajec river necessitated a regrouping of the Russian army, but later the Russians practically regained all lost ground. It terms as ridiculous the German announcements of great gains at Kovno, in the Kourland district, and claims a repulse of the Germans at different points in Poland. The Germans were repulsed at the village of Serafin and fled, leaving thousands of dead on the battle field.

German Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, May 4.—The Germans continue their fierce onslaughts in Flanders without success. Two night attacks in the "bloody angle" toward Ypres were repulsed by the British. The French have gained ground near Bagatelle in the Argonne. Both sides are losing heavily about Ypres.

British Steamship Blown up.

London, May 4.—The British steamship Minterne was blown up by a German submarine off Scilly Islands Saturday.

Horses to Europe.

During the last few days about 50 carloads of horses and mules have passed through Spartanburg over the Southern Railway from Texas and other Southern States to New York, where they will be shipped to European ports for the British army. Other shipments of animals are to follow, it is understood.—Spartanburg Herald.

WILL AID NEUTRAL TRADE.

BRITISH EMBASSY ISSUES INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO SHIPPERS.

Diplomats Hold Informal Conference in Order to Minimize Delays in Transportation—Urge Precautions at Starting.

Washington, May 3.—The British embassy issued a statement tonight for the information of American shipping interests, designed to facilitate trade of the United States with neutral countries by pointing a way to guard against interference by the allied warships with cargoes not under the ban of Great Britain's blockade order in council. The statement has been set to all British consuls in the United States, to whom shippers are advised to give notice of the character of cargoes so that the British government may be advised before ships reach European waters.

The United States does not recognize the right of the allies to interfere with legitimate commerce between neutrals or with non-contraband goods even when ultimately designed to Germany or Austria and has set forth its position in the lengthy diplomatic exchanges on the subject. In order, however, to prevent as far as possible unnecessary delays and detentions, the foreign trade advisers of the state department have been holding informal conferences with British embassy officials in the interest of shippers and to aid those who desire to conform to the requirements of the order in council they have had printed the reexport embargo lists of the various countries contiguous to the European belligerents.

ROW IN HAMPTON COUNTY.

One Dead, One Dying and Couple More Wounded—Five Brought to Jail—All Caused by Liquor.

Brunson, May 4.—As the result of a general row at Cherry Grove church on Sunday, where large congregations of negroes frequently assemble, five persons were conveyed to the county jail in Hampton, while one has died, another is mortally wounded and one or two others are shot up. It appears that whiskey was pretty freely indulged in, then a row began in the church yard and the shooting followed. Result: Buddy Cope, a young man, is dead, John Davis is probably mortally wounded and Henry Davis, his father, is wounded seriously in the shoulder and head. Jerry Bowers, Jake Bowers and Quilly Bowers were arrested as participes criminis. Julius Caesar Smith was arrested, charged with selling the stuff that seems to have caused the row; Henry Davis, wounded, is charged with the killing, which, it is said, he admits, but claims self-defence.

HUGHES NO CANDIDATE.

Not in Race for Presidential Nomination.

Washington, May 4.—In view of the recent references to the name of Associate Justice Hughes of the supreme court as a candidate for the presidency, the following authoritative statement was made today in his behalf and with his approval:

"Justice Hughes wholly disapproves the use of his name in connection with the presidential campaign. Not only has he no desire to reenter politics, but as a member of the supreme court he is not available. He is not a candidate in any sense and can not permit his name to be used."

CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS.

Comptroller Williams Would Know Standing of Banks on May 1.

Washington, May 4.—Comptroller of the Currency Williams today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on May 1st.

ward Dukla Pass, shattering all efforts to check their progress. A news dispatch says that the Russian southern wing was crushed along a twenty-two mile front. The Teutons have captured Gorlice, 21 miles east of the Dunajec river, and crossed the Biala and reached Ropa. An entire Russian division was annihilated at Gorlice.

Claim Retreat of English at Ypres.

Berlin, May 5. (Official).—The English are retreating with heavy losses at Ypres. The Russians are retreating from the Carpathians, evacuating their positions at the Dukla Pass. Thirty thousand Russians have been captured. Seven hundred and fifty French were captured southeast of St. Mihiel.

RESERVE BOARD CHANGES.

THREE SHIFTS IN THE LINES OF DISTRICTS.

Action Postponed on Petition From Baltimore to Be Made Chief City of Fifth Division.

Washington, May 4.—Three changes in the lines of federal banks as they were drawn by the reserve bank, organization committee more than a year ago were approved today by the federal reserve board. It adopted a resolution shifting banks in northern New Jersey from the Philadelphia to the New York district; banks in Tyler and Wetzel counties, West Virginia, from the Richmond to the Cleveland district, and banks in southern Oklahoma from the Dallas to the Kansas City district.

Action upon the petition of Baltimore to be made the reserve city of the Fifth district in place of Richmond and of Pittsburgh to be given the reserve bank now located in Cleveland was postponed for future consideration.

By the change approved the Cleveland bank's capital of \$12,007,384 will be increased about \$31,000, while the Richmond bank, with \$6,303,301, will lose that amount.

In its resolution the board pointed out that action on the other petitions was deferred that it may secure light on how the new clearing system and the extent of State bank admissions to the system may operate.

RETAIN POOL ROOM SCREENS.

Spartanburg Referendum Goes Decidedly Against Ordinance Proposed by Christian Workers.

Spartanburg, May 4.—In a municipal referendum election held here today, the people voted down the so-called pool room ordinance championed by the Christian Workers' league by a two to one vote. The ordinance was a question of removing the screens from the pool rooms. The people voted to keep them up.

F. L. Liles was elected water commissioner.

TRUSTEES POSTPONE DECISION.

Defer Final Action on Proposed Removal of College Until Later Meeting.

Greenville, May 4.—Ending a two days' session here late tonight, the Chicora college trustees announced that a decision on the proposed removal of the institution had been deferred until an adjourned meeting, which will be held some time before June. Dr. S. C. Byrd, president of the college, made the announcement, saying that there was nothing to be added.

Greenville has offered one site outright and a conditional proposition has been made with reference to another site. It is understood that Clinton and Laurens are both being considered, though this is but hearsay.

CALL FOR INQUIRY OF NAGEL.

Railway Workmen Demand Congressional Investigation of His Appointment.

Chicago, May 3.—Congressional investigation of the appointment of Charles H. Nagel, former secretary of commerce and labor, as a neutral member of the arbitration board which decided the wage dispute of engineers and firemen on 98 Western railroads was demanded in a resolution adopted tonight by delegates representing the railway men's organization. Such an investigation is necessary, the resolution asserted, if future controversies between labor and capital are to be adjusted amicably.

"We submit that Mr. Nagel was not neutral," the resolution said, "inasmuch as it was clearly established that he is coexecutor and cotrustee of the estate of the late Adolphus Busch, which estate has large holdings of railroad securities; and that he is a director in the Union Trust company of St. Louis and the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company of Milwaukee, both of which corporations are large holders of railroad securities."

KILLS SON-IN-LAW.

Mobile Man Commits Murder and Then Suicide.

Mobile, May 5.—Following a quarrel with his brother-in-law this morning, William Eastburn, a wholesale fish dealer, shot and killed his son-in-law, Julius Ardoyne, when the latter went to aid his father. Eastburn then ran home and committed suicide in the presence of his sister. It is believed that he was insane.

GERMANS MAKE ADVANCES

Attempts of Russians to Rally and Check Tide of Invading Teutons in Galicia Have Proved Unsuccessful.

RUSSIANS EVACUATE IMPORTANT POINTS TO SAVE ARMY.

Bombardment of Dardanelles Renewed With Civil Population Suffers—In West Opp Still Engaged in Desperate Struggle For Region Around Ypres—German Submarine Active, Three British, One Danish Vessels Being Sunk By Them, Crews Rescued.

TEUTONS CONTINUE ADVANCE.

Russians Lose Million Men in Campaign Which Ends Disastrously.

Vienna, May 6.—The Teutons continue their pursuit of the Russians along the ninety-three miles from Galicia to the Carpathians. Hungarian soil has been cleared of Russian troops. The enemy's losses amount to over sixty-five thousand in killed, wounded and made prisoners. The campaign in which Russia sacrificed nearly a million men has culminated in disaster. In five days the Teutons have advanced forty-two miles and entire Russian regiments surrendered.

ALLIES DRIVEN FROM LAND.

Bombardment from Ships Proves Destructive to Civil Population.

Constantinople, May 6.—The allied troops who landed on the Asiatic shore have been driven off. Reports stating that the towns of Gallipoli and Nagara were captured by the allies are denied. The hostiles succeeded in holding only two points on the Gallipoli peninsula, Avic Burnu and Sedel Bahr. (Official.) The steady bombardment of the allies' warships is destroying towns on the peninsula. The loss of life among the civil population is very heavy. Ten towns have been burned.

THREE VESSELS SUNK.

German Submarines Again Become Exceedingly Active.

London, May 6.—The British steamer Cherbury was sunk by a German submarine off the west coast of Ireland on last Thursday. The crew was saved. A Swedish steamer was sunk in the Baltic sea by the German auxiliary cruiser Svania and the crew was saved. The British schooner Latham was sunk by a German submarine off Kinsale Head, Ireland, on Wednesday. The crew of the vessel was rescued.

New Attack Launched.

London, May 6.—The allies have launched a new and violent attack on the Dardanelles and at Smyrna. The Turks are making fierce counter attacks. A whole Turkish regiment was wiped out in attempting to advance from Magpran.

Russians Still Retreating.

Berlin, May 6.—News dispatches that the Russians in western Galicia have evacuated Jaslo, an important railway junction 15 miles northeast of Gorlice, and that the Teutons are pressing their advantage.

Russians Admit Defeat.

Petrograd, May 6.—The Russian war office today admitted that the first line of defenses in Western Galicia had been carried by the Teutons, but asserted that all attacks, on the second line had been repulsed. The enemy massed nearly seven hundred thousand men, many of them veterans in this section. Military experts declare that the Teuton's advance has now been halted and fresh Russian troops will be able to regain the lost ground.

Submarines Got Another.

Hartlepool, May 6.—The Grimby trawler Stratton was sunk by a German submarine in the North sea on Wednesday. The crew was saved.

Ypres Sees Continued Battle.

Paris, May 6. (Official).—Desperate fighting continues in the Ypres region, centering around hill number sixty, which the Germans are trying to recapture from the British. Some German assaults were successful, but the losses were partially regained by the British. The French suffered a reverse in Alsace. The Germans reoccupied the summit of Mamelon, on the left bank of the Fecht river. The French have recaptured some trenches in the Ailly forest.

AUSTRIAN DEMANDS.

LESS PROBABILITIES NOW THAN FORMERLY OF ITALY'S JOINING CONFLICT.

Only One Point of Difference Remains for Settlement Between the Two Nations.

Rome (via Chiasso to Paris), May 5.—In official quarters where the true situation is known it was stated today that the possibility of an accord between Italy and Austria never has been so probable. This fact, it was asserted, was due to Austria at last realizing that Italy really was determined to go to war to obtain territories inhabited by Italians under Austria when negotiations for their return were begun.

Differences between the two countries now concern only the extent of the territories to be turned over, the form of and the time in which the cession is to be made.

Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador, is said to have declared that if he can induce Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, to give up claims on Trieste and accept its constitution into a free city an agreement between Austria and Italy might be reached in a relatively short time.

In his interview with Baron Sonnino last Saturday Prince von Buelow discussed the chances still existing for a settlement between Italy and Austria and the advisability of Italy leaving nothing undone to attempt to avoid the consequences of war. The ambassador is said to have declared that it was far from his intention to interfere with Italy's internal affairs or to criticize them, but that he could not help expressing the opinion that an impression would be produced both in Austria and Germany by an announcement that the king and his ministers would participate in the unveiling of the Garibaldi monument, which, he said, had been referred to by the allies as the time for "Italy's official declaration of war to the central empires."

ANXIETY IN GERMANY.

Still Apprehensive as to Course of Italy.

Amsterdam (via London), May 6.—The German papers display anxiety regarding Italy's attitude. The Vossische Zeitung, the Lokal Anzeiger and the Tageblatt emphasize the fact that the negotiations between Italy and Austria have not been definitely broken off and that therefore there is still hope of a satisfactory solution. They admit that the situation is serious but insist that Italian intervention on the side with Germany's enemies would make no difference to German determination or confidence in the final result.

KILLS HIS OWN FAMILY.

Moonshiner Slays His Wife, Son and Daughter in Graham County, North Carolina.

Raleigh, May 6.—News has just been received here that Ed Williams, a notorious moonshiner of a remote district of Graham county, killed his wife, son and daughter, Mrs. P. L. Phillips, on Saturday. A reward of \$500 has been offered for Williams' capture.

Takes over Warehouses.

J. G. L. White, deputy State warehouse commissioner, has signed up three cotton warehouses at St. Charles, in Lee county for the State warehouse system. He said that 40 warehouses were now under control of the State. He expects to secure several large warehouses this week.—The State.